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1. TURKISH REACTION TO HOUSE ACTION ON MILITARY AID CONTINUES

TO DEVELOP ALONG LINES DESCRIBED PARA 1 REFTEL. SEPTEMBER 27 NEWSPAPERS GAVE FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO NEWS STORIES ON EFFORTS MADE BY TOP LEVEL U.S. ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS TO MAINTAIN MILITARY AID RELATIONSHIP WITH TURKEY.

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2. ALTHOUGH GOT HAS NOT ISSUED FURTHER PUBLIC COMMENT BEYOND

ISIK'S STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL, FINANCE MINISTER BAYKAI JUST BEFORE DEPARTING SEPTEMBER 27 FOR IMF MEETING IN WASHINGTON TOLD PRESS THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH IBRD PRES MCNAMARA ABOUT SITUATION ARISING FROM CONGRESSIONAL DECISION ON AID.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT SEPTEMBER 27 WAS FOCUSSED MORE ON INTERNAL ISSUES. HOWEVER, ALI SIRMEN IN CUMHURIYET, (MODERATE LEFTIST) DECLARED THAT "TURKS SHOULD BE THANKFUL" TO U.S. CONGRESS IF AID CUTOFF BRINGS TURKS TO REALIZATION THAT DEPENDENCE ON U.S. MILITARY AID LIMITS TURKEY'S FREEDOM.

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